

REMARKS

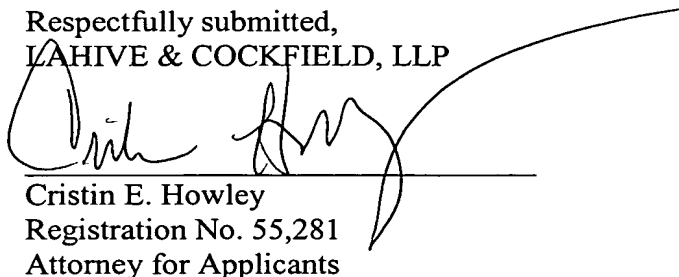
Following the Article 34 Amendment filed in the corresponding PCT application, claims 1-38 were pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11, 23-27, and 35 have been cancelled. New claims 39-45 have been added. Claims 6, 9, 10, 12-17, 19-22, 28-34, and 36-38 have been amended. Accordingly, upon entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, claims 6, 9, 10, 12-22, 28-34, and 36-45 will be pending in the application. In addition, the specification has been amended to include priority information.

Support for the amendments to claims 6, 9, 10, 12, 17, 28, and 32-34 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 24, line 2; at page 29, lines 20; and at page 36, lines 13-15. Support for new claims 39-41 and 43 can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification, including at least at page 7, lines 1-8; at page 12, lines 15-16; and at page 13, lines 1-2. Additional support for new claim 41 can be found in Figure 8 of the specification. Support for new claim 42 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 12, lines 13-15 and at page 22, lines 24-26. Support for new claims 44 and 45 can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification.

The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter and are not related to issues of patentability. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested. In addition, the foregoing claim amendments and cancellations have been made solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's Agent at (617) 227-7400.

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